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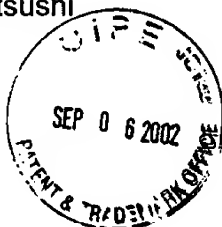
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated May 8, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

It will be noted that claims 6 and 10 have been amended relative to the previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in **Attachment A** provided herewith. A clean version of amended claims 6 and 10 is provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 10 have been amended. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for the reasons as stated below.

Claim 10 was withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The Examiner has identified two inventions listed as Groups I and II in which Group I corresponds to the method of claims 6 and 7 and Group II corresponds to a gas

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